POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Assistant/ Associate Professor
(Mycologist)

WORK LOCATION: Department of Plant Pathology & Crop Physiology, LSU AgCenter, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NATURE OF POSITION: Tenure-track position, 75% research in the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station and 25% teaching in the LSU College of Agriculture.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The faculty member will conduct research on plant-associated filamentous fungi using state-of-the-art technologies to explore questions in pathogenesis, genetics, plant interactions, development, diversity, evolution, metabolism or ecology. Teaching duties include teaching courses in introductory mycology and advanced plant pathogenic fungi. Mentoring graduate, undergraduate and/or postdoctoral researchers is expected. Securing extramural funding for research and teaching activities is expected. The faculty member also is expected to publish in appropriate peer-reviewed journals and to provide service to the department, institution and appropriate professional societies.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Applicant must have earned a Ph.D. in mycology, plant pathology or related discipline with emphasis, course work, and/or experience in mycology. Candidates with research experience working with fungi or oomycota associated with economically important plants is highly desirable. Expertise in phylogenetics/ fungal systematics also is highly desirable. Postdoctoral experience preferred. Interpersonal, oral and written communication skills and a willingness and ability to work in a team-oriented environment are essential.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15, 2014 or until suitable candidate is located.

DATE AVAILABLE: Upon completion of interview process.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Must apply online at https://lsusystemcareers.lsu.edu/ by attaching the following documents. Letter of application should specifically address candidate’s qualifications for the position and provide (1) a complete professional resume, (2) transcripts of all college credits, (3) contact information of three individuals who will be providing letters of recommendation, (4) brief statements of research and teaching interests, and (5) other pertinent data. Letters of recommendation should address the candidate’s qualifications for the position, potential for development and should candidly evaluate both strengths and weaknesses of the applicant for the position. Paper, faxed or e-mailed application materials will not be accepted, except that in lieu of attaching the reference letters online, they may be sent directly to:

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